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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, SECRETARY)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY SIMON'S TRIP

REF: STATE 145977

1. WILL ENDEAVOR OBTAIN FIRM SCHEDULE SOONEST.
SECRETARY SIMON SHOULD KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT OUR EXPERIENCE
WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S FREQUENT VISITS HERE IS THAT
EGYPTIANS DO NOT USUALLY FINALIZE SCHEDULES UNTIL LAST
MINUTE. AMB WILL SUGGEST SCHEDULE IN REFTEL TO HEGAZI
IN AN EFFORT TO FIRM IT UP ALONG THOSE LINES. SOME
CHANGES WILL BE NECESSARY SINCE EGYPTIANS
NORMALLY DO NOT HAVE LUNCH UNTIL 1400 OR LATER AND CLOSE
THEREAFTER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE AFTERNOON. HEGAZI
AND SOME MINISTERS USUALLY RETURN TO THE OFFICE 1830
OR SO AND MAY WORK UNTIL 2200 OR 2300.

2. AMB EXPECTS TO SEE HEGAZI AT PRESIDENT SADAT'S
DAUGHTER'S WEDDING TOMORROW IN ALEXANDRIA AND WILL SEEK
TO PIN HIM DOWN ON A FIRM SCHEDULE. FIRING UP SCHEDULE
DEPENDS IN LARGE PART ON WHEN PRESIDENT SADAT DECIDES
TIME FOR MEETING WITH HIM SINCE EVERYTHING ELSE
REVOLVES AROUND THIS. JULY 15 SEEMS LIKELY DATE,
HOWEVER, BECAUSE HE WILL HAVE AMIR OF QATAR AND
YUGOSLAV VICE PRESIDENT KARDALJ HERE PRECEDING DAYS.

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3. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR WILL BE PRESENT AT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AND OTHER MAJOR MEETINGS. SINCE ALL PRESIDENTIAL PROTOCOL PEOPLE ARE ALREADY IN ALEXANDRIA, AMBASSADOR WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WHILE THERE FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY BENNETT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY TO ACCOMPANY SECRETARY SIMON TO ALL MEETINGS, INCLUDING THAT WITH PRESIDENT SADAT.

4. WE WILL BE PLEASED ARRANGE APPROPRIATE SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING PROGRAM FOR MRS. SIMON AND OTHER LADIES.

5. RE JULY 15 ROUNDTABLE DINNER GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR, BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS IN RESIDENCE AND FACT THAT THIS WILL BE A WORKING DINNER, WE MAKING IT STAG. WILL ARRANGE SEPARATE DINNER FOR THE LADIES THAT EVENING.
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